

PICK OF U. S. MARINES TO SUPPORT PERSHING

2600 Finest "Soldiers of the Sea" for Battle Line in France

SELECTING OFFICERS NOW

"Marine Corps Week" to Speed Up Recruiting for 20,000 Authorized Enrollment

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Only the finest of the United States marine corps will make up the first 2600 "soldiers of the sea" who will take their place by the side of Pershing's forces on the battle line in France.

Officers for the force to be commanded by Colonel Charles A. Doyen were being picked today by Major General Barnett, commander of the marine corps. The enlisted units will be chosen from among the veterans of the service.

WARTIME TRAINING

Coincident with the selection of officers for the overseas force, the marine corps today launched its drive for the 20,000 recruits needed to make up the 20,000 authorized by Congress. Major General Barnett announced that all marine corps units to be sent to the front will receive special training under real warlike conditions at the new training station being rushed to completion at Quantico, Va.

The Quantico barracks will be completed within six weeks and the training of the units to follow the "first 2600" will begin immediately.

"The authorization of the increase to 20,000 comes at the moment when the country is at a high pitch of enthusiasm at the prospect of active service on the battle front in Europe," said General Barnett today.

"Recruiting which has continued steadily since the increase to 17,000 was authorized will be speeded up to meet the still larger increase now required."

MARINE CORPS WEEK

"The climax will come from June 10 to 16, which has been designated as 'marine corps week,' when our slogan will be 'four thousand enlistments by Saturday night.' Local organizations and committees in hundreds of cities and towns throughout the country have agreed to co-operate with us and we expect again to break our recruiting record and hope to fill the number required in a month."

"Meanwhile we are pushing the work of training the thousands of recruits already enlisted. Increased accommodations are being provided at the stations at Port Royal, S. C.; Norfolk, Philadelphia and Mare Island, Cal. The new large temporary barracks at Port Royal are nearing completion and will provide for hundreds of additional recruits by the end of this month. By June 10, the beginning of 'Marine Corps Week,' we expect to have accommodations there for 8000."

Bankers May Offer to Lease Speed Lines

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personal legal adviser in the transit negotiations. The conference has been called, but no definite date has been set, though it probably will follow immediately the joint hearing tomorrow before Councils' Finance and Street Railways Committee.

NO MORE BIDS FOR THE PRESENT

Transit Director Twining today announced that no further bids would be asked for any line on the city's proposed system excepting the Frankford elevated until the Public Service Commission has granted the necessary certificates of public convenience. Contractors who have submitted \$15,000,000 for the delivery loop and for a long section of the Broad street subway are now being held up to await action by the commission. Prices have changed so materially since the bids for these were opened that it may be necessary for the city to re-advertise for the work.

The transit department is considering seriously whether or not it would be advisable to defer virtually all construction work except the Frankford "L" until the present high prices have dropped. No definite decision will be made until after the Mayor's conference.

That such a step would be satisfactory to the transit company is known. Hints have been made from time to time that the city only would postpone further construction work, until prices dropped to an amount satisfactory to all might be worked out. At the monthly meeting of this week, Mr. Stetson is understood to have made such a statement.

The publicity department of the Pennsylvania Railroad denied today the report published in morning newspapers that the cause of the transit lease controversy, the company had abandoned further consideration of its plans for rebuilding Broad Street Station.

Every effort of the Transit Department to have the audit of the books of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company completed today for the fiscal year, to be reported to Councils' Committee on Finance and Street Railways seems doomed to defeat.

The audit was first promised Director Twining in time for the hearing last Friday. Later Controller Walton, to whose department Councils' Committee on Finance and Street Railways is referred, said it would be ready in time for the legislative hearing last Tuesday. Today the Director declared he would make a last effort to have it ready for tomorrow. The audit is being made by Lybrand, Rose Brothers & Montgomery, expert accountants, 225 North Second St.

CHAIRMAN GAINES, OF COUNCILS' FINANCE COMMITTEE, today declared that he would never give his consent to signing a lease with the P. R. T. until this audit was completed.

P. R. T. HINT OF HARMONY

A letter received today by Chairman Gaines, of Councils' Finance Committee, from Ellis Ames Ballard, chief counsel of the P. R. T., was interpreted as a step toward harmonizing one portion of the proposed lease.

At the hearing last Friday Mr. Ballard said that if the city would equip the new transit system, the company would be willing to modify the clause permitting it, without consent of the Public Service Commission, to raise the rate of fare if at the end of any six months' period the gross income is insufficient to pay all the expenses that are allowed for. Mr. Gaines on Saturday wrote to Mr. Ballard asking him to specify what changes would be made in the clause. Mr. Ballard replied in the letter received today.

"I have your letter of Saturday. I feel that if I should attempt to re-draft the fare section of the proposed contract in order to embody the changes which I stated my client would be willing to make in case the city should decide to equip its own lines, it would merely give rise to criticism of the language of the section, whereas, the important thing is, whether the principle involved is acceptable to the city."

"I recall that you had a stenographer present at the hearing. If you will have a copy of the notes of what I said on the subject sent to me, I will check them up to see whether my statement as reported plainly sets out the offer. If it does not, I will correct it or re-draft it so as to do so."

ELLIS AMES BALLARD.

Mr. Gaines at once forwarded a transcript of Mr. Ballard's words.

Commandant Threatens Sailors

RACKETEER HARBOR, N. Y., May 24.—A threat to place this town under martial law if the sailors don't quit selling liquor to members of the officers' reserve training camp, was issued by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell here today. The action followed a drunken brawl between negro workmen at the camp after a visit to town.

MARINES START INTERCITY RECRUITING CRUISE



Colonel C. H. Hatch hands orders to Sergeant C. B. Dietrich at City Hall, signaling start of pilot automobile tour of sixteen cities from Philadelphia to Cleveland. The trip will cover twelve days, and is a preliminary to "Marine Week," June 10-16.

MARINE CORPS MOTOR ON RECRUITING DASH

Leaves on Tour to Awaken Interest in Special Drive, June 10 to 16

Preparations for the big recruiting drive of the marine corps, which scheduled for Marine Week, June 10 to 16, were started in Philadelphia today.

A pilot automobile left City Hall bearing letters from Mayor Smith to Mayors of sixteen cities as far West as Cleveland, asking them to co-operate in every way to make the recruiting a success. The car was placed at the disposal of the marine corps by Captain W. R. Ross, head of an armored car company.

The car, which is in charge of Sergeant C. B. Dietrich and Private R. M. Gray, with W. C. Crandell, an ex-marine, driving, will be followed in two weeks by an armored car.

Thirty men were added today by the Ninth Engineers, Philadelphia unit, being formed in the Hale Building for immediate service in France. Among them was Felipe Gasp, 300 North Thirtieth street. A Porto Rican, with twelve years' service in the regular army in Cuba, China and the Philippines to his credit. He enlisted as cook.

A call for bakers, butchers, teamsters, painters and chauffeurs was issued today by the quartermaster's reserve corps, enlisting men at the Automobile Club of Philadelphia, 23 South Twenty-third street. Two motor truck companies have been formed by the 200 men recruited so far.

Among today's naval coast defense reserve recruits were twenty-eight-year-old twins, Howard Walton and William Coronado, 4607 North Thirtieth street, each of whom named the other as his beneficiary in case of death.

An order was received at marine headquarters, 130 South Fifteenth street, today to enlist marines for the duration of the war as well as for the regular term of four years. Thirty-five new army recruits were sent to Fort Slocum, N. Y., this afternoon for training. Seventy-three navy recruits, held up because of the lack of training facilities, were ordered today to report at the navy recruiting station tomorrow.

A new recruiting station for the Third Infantry, N. G. P., was opened today in Independence Hall. The First Infantry has arranged to enlist men in West Philadelphia and Wayne Junction.

The following enlistments were announced today:

U. S. NAVAL COAST DEFENSE RESERVE

William Thomas Conwell, 21, 920 Spruce st. Arthur Henry Christian, 21, 422 S. Broad st. John Miller, 21, 1222 S. 10th st. Joseph Kyle Deaver, 19, Pittsburgh, Pa. William Miller, 19, 2225 S. 10th st. Raymond Henry Nienan, 26, 5227 Morris st. (Cleveland, Ohio).

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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MARINES WANT MORE MEN; EVENING LEDGER AID ASKED

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir—The bill signed by President Wilson yesterday authorizes the marine corps to enlist men between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five for the period of the war. Men who want to fight where the action is hottest on land, on the sea or in the air will find the marine corps offers them a great opportunity to uphold the honor of their country and their flag. On behalf of the officers and enlisted men of the marine corps I again desire to express our sincere appreciation of the able assistance and hearty co-operation rendered by the EVENING LEDGER in recruiting the corps during these strenuous times.

Philadelphia has responded splendidly to our calls. I am now asking your further assistance and co-operation in recruiting the marine corps to its full authorized strength of 20,000 enlisted men. The special national marine corps recruiting week is from June 10 to 16, inclusive, and I hope that the marine corps will be at full strength before the close of the present fiscal year.

GEORGE BARNETT,
Major General Commandant, U. S. M. C.
Washington, D. C., May 24, 1917.

- Harry Fay, 243 Marshall st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Charles R. Phipps, 1011 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.
John J. Gallagher, 1307 Pike st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Anthony DeLong, Jr., 34 Mississippi ave., At-Lantic City, N. J.
Ralph H. Gray, 237 S. 45th st., Philadelphia, Pa.
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Italians Shatter Foe's Lines; Capture 9000

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The Russians in retreat, the Italian army, although still unprepared, instituted operations which compelled the Austrians to divert large forces from the Russian front.

It is recalled that the Russians paid this debt by making an attack in Galicia at the time the Austrians were invading the Italian Trentino, relieving the pressure on the Italian troops.

Eight thousand six hundred German prisoners have been taken by French troops since May 1 in their offensive between Soissons and Aubert, today's official statement asserted, detailing further heavy losses inflicted on the enemy in response of violent attacks on the Vaucluse plateau.

The Vaucluse attack was a bloody check to the Germans. Their troops were literally thrown back to the starting point of the counter-attack. Prisoners captured were identified as belonging to four different German divisions—indicating that the enemy attack was by a force of not less than 40,000 men.

Except for this violent battle, the War Office reported the front fairly quiet. In the Champagne artillery was rather active in the region of Moronvilliers.

LONDON, May 24. The full on the British front continued today. At Field Marshal Haig had to report was a few prisoners taken by British forces in a raid east of Le Vertulter and small patrol encounters.

The Germans have penetrated the French lines near Arras, capturing twenty-eight prisoners and three mine throwers, the War Office announced today. It added that French attacks near Froidmont farm

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U. S. FIGHTERS HONORED

FIFTH TIME FOR VALOR

Americans in Foreign Legion Gain Distinction Won by No Other Troops

By HENRY WOOD

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE CHAMPAGNE, May 24.

Americans in the famous Foreign Legion are anxiously hoping for a chance to join the United States Army and fight under their own flag when America's expeditionary force reaches the front. Every one of the twenty-three Americans in this fighting unit—just cited as a whole for the fifth time since the war's start for extraordinary bravery—expressed this wish today.

"While America was a neutral" one American remarked, "we were forced to join the Legion. Now that America is a belligerent we all want to fight under our own flag."

The fifth citation of the Foreign Legion was in response for glorious fighting in the vicinity of Moronvilliers. No other single French regiment can approach the distinction of having five times been "mentioned in the order of the day."

Since April 17 this unit—composed of men of fifty-one different nationalities—has achieved the bulk of the gains registered by the French army. No other single unit has participated in the capture of the latter town. The Legion has participated in every offensive move of any importance since the French army has undertaken.

The Legion fought continuously for six days and six nights recently—hurled 500 hand grenades alone. They finally achieved their objective, and it is history that this position, once attained, most of the Legion fell asleep standing up, being so exhausted by their efforts.

In the same glorious record of the Legion is the story of how in one night recently along the Soissons-Aubert front a battalion of territorial troops was ordered to be employed in bringing up hand grenades. The Legionnaires fought that they got into the fray themselves.

One of the Legion's heroes is a seventeen-

British Troops Die in U-Boat Fight

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playing in the Mediterranean trade for some time.

TRANSYLVANIA ELUDED U-BOAT EARLY IN WAR

NEW YORK, May 24.

The New York office of the Anchor Line, owners of the liner Transylvania, reported today that the Transylvania, which was one of the largest vessels in transatlantic service, on that date the Transylvania sailed from New York and since has been in the Admiralty service. It is believed here that the liner was in use as a transport.

The Transylvania was launched September 3, 1914, and arrived in New York on her maiden trip on February 6, 1915.

In addition to being one of the largest liners in transatlantic service the Transylvania was one of the fastest. Her speed enabled her to escape a U-boat during the early days of the war. This submarine attack occurred early in May, 1915, as the big liner was nearing Glasgow, conveyed by British men-of-war. The periscope of the submarine was sighted and by steering a zigzag course the Transylvania escaped. In December, 1916, two German submarines a few yards of her bow, well off Eastnet. The impact was felt on all of the decks and with excitement among the passengers.

Dr. Waite to Die in Chair Tonight

NEW YORK, May 24.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, whose last chance to escape death in the electric chair disappeared last Friday when the commission appointed by Governor Whitman to examine him at Sing Sing reported he was sane, will be put to death at 11 o'clock tonight for the murder of his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Strikes at Tampico End

MEXICO CITY, May 24.—The strikes in the Tampico oil fields, alleged to have been started by German agents, are ended. The Valero-Tierce Oil Company, and the Comodoro interests met the demands of the men, and the labor troubles in that district are now considered at an end.

Fire Sweeps Hungarian City

AMSTERDAM, May 24.—More than 1200 houses were destroyed and more than \$5,000,000 damage done by the fire which swept Gyomay, Hungary, says a dispatch from Vienna today. In addition to the buildings wiped out, about 1700 were damaged. Fourteen persons were killed.

German Wireless in Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, May 24.—A German wireless plant has been established here. Pro-Ally papers are demanding that the Government suppress it.

Mr. Henry Delp, of Hatfield, Dead

HATFIELD, Pa., May 24.—Mrs. Henry Delp, 53 years old, of Hatfield, died yesterday. She is survived by her husband and two children. The latter are Mrs. Harry Wimmer, of Hatfield, and Alvin Delp, of Philadelphia.

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